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**PATENT
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IN RE APPLICATION OF : Petschek et al.
FOR : **BUFF-FREE LIQUID
CRYSTAL ALIGNMENT
USING POLY(IONOMER)
COATINGS**
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office Action issued on March 21, 2000 in connection with the above referenced patent application. A three-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

Prior to reconsideration of the application, kindly amend the application as follows:

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Page 1, before "Field of the Invention", please insert the following paragraph:

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